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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ACTIVITY DURING ELECTION SAID TO BE MINIMAL

1. IN ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC REVIEWS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL SECURITY INTELLIGENCE, S.A. HAKIM, TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT NSI AND OTHER AGENCIES HAD NOTED ALMOST NO SOVIET ACTIVITY AND NO INDIAN OFFICIAL ACTIVITY DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD. HE SAID THAT BDG HAD EXPECTED THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE ACTIVE BUT WERE NOT SURPRISED AT OFFICIAL INDIAN INACTIVITY.

2. ACCORDING TO HAKIM, THE SOVIETS HAD SUPPLIED THE AWAMI LEAGUE WITH FUNDS EARLIER BUT HAD BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY AND, HE PRESUMED, DELIBERATELY INACTIVE WHILE THE CAMPAIGNING WAS ON. HE HAS FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED SEVERAL AWAMI LEAGUE LEADERS AS "ON THE TAKE" FROM THE SOVIETS INCLUDING MOHIUDDIN AHMAD AND ZOHRA TAJUDDIN. HE IS CONCERNED THAT NOW THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS OVER AND THAT FOR THE PARLIAMENT HAS NOT YET BEGUN, THE SOVIETS WILL STEP UP THEIR ACTIVITIES. HE BELIEVES THE SOVIETS WILL SEE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IN WHICH THE  
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AWAMI LEAGUE AND OTHERS "TILTING LEFT" MIGHT GAIN SOME SEATS, WHEREAS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THE RESULT WAS PRETTY MUCH A FOREGONE CONCLUSION AND NOT WORTH TAKING A RISK. HE NOTED THAT NSI WILL NOT RELAX ITS WATCH.

3. HAKIM, AS HAVE OTHERS, COMMENTED THAT SINCE THE

ADVENT OF THE MORARJI GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INDIAN ACTIVITIES IN BANGLADESH HAVE BEEN ALL BUT DISCONTINUED. HE SAID THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY THAT HIS AGENCY HAD NOTED DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PERIOD AND HE EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE NONE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY CAMPAIGN.

4. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD INFORMATION OF SOME FUNDS ARRIVING FROM CPI SOURCES IN CALCUTTA AND POSSIBLY (HE EMPHASIZED THE POSSIBLY) FROM CONGRESS-INDIRA SOURCES. HE SAID ALSO THAT HIS GROUP HAD DISCOVERED SOME CALCUTTA MARWARI MONEY COMING IN AND EXPLAINED THAT THE MARWARIS WERE HOPING FOR A MORE OPEN BORDER IN ORDER TO SELL "THEIR SHODDY GOODS" TO BANGLADESH.

5. HAKIM SUMMED UP BY SAYING THAT NSI AND THE BDG WERE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE INCREASED SOVIET AND EASTERN BLOC ACTIVITY IN THE FUTURE.  
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